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SUBJ: JUNE 28 MILITARY BRIEFING FOR CONSULAR CORPS

REF: A. LOURENCO MARQUES 340; B. LOURENCO MARQUES 285

1. FOLLOWING ARE MAIN POINTS AND STATISTICS OF JUNE 28
BRIEFING FOR CONSULAR CORPS BY MOZAMBIQUE ARMED FORCES HIGH
COMMAND SPOKESMAN COL. JACINTO FRADE. DETAILS POUCHED.

2. GENERAL: BRIEFING COVERED LONGER THAN USUAL PERIOD,
FROM MAY 18 TO JUNE 27, BUT EVEN SO REFLECTED SOMEWHAT
GREATER FRELIMO ACTIVITY, PARTICULARLY IN TETE, AND REDUCED
EFFECTIVENESS OF SOME PORTUGUESE EFFORTS. POINTS OF INTEREST
INCLUDED: A) INFO THAT FRELIMO GUERRILLAS OPERATING IN MOUN-
TAINOUS REGION ALONG RHODESIAN FRONTIER GAINED ACCESS TO IT
THROUGH RHODESIA; B) HEAVY ATTACK BY 400 GUERRILLAS, INCLUDING
FOR FIRST TIME ARMED WOMEN, ON PORTUGUESE MILITARY UNIT AT
NAZOMBE NEAR ROVUMA RIVER IN CABO DELGADO. COL. FRADE
DESCRIBED ATTACKERS AS DISORGANIZED AND APPARENTLY UNDER
INFLUENCE OF DRUGS; C) FRELIMO ACTION IN TETE DISTRICT SEEMED
HEAVIER AND WIDER SPREAD, ALSO SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN ACTION
IN NORTHERN BEIRA AND VILA PEREIRA DISTRICTS; D) SIGNIFICANT
INCREASE IN NUMBER OF PEOPLE, MAINLY FROM BEIRA DISTRICT,
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TURNING THEMSELVES IN TO PORTUGUESE, INDICATING EITHER MORE EFFECTIVE APPEALS TO POPULACE, OR SIMPLY THAT POPULACE IS FRIGHTENED.

3. STATISTICS:

PORTUGUESE OPERATIONS: TOTAL 812 (496 DURING PREVIOUS PERIOD (REFA), INCLUDING 101 (59) IN NIASA, 173 (112) IN CABO DELGADO, 362 (206) IN TETE, 47 (21) IN ZAMBEZIA- SOUTHERN NIASA, AND 129 (98) IN NORTHERN BEIRA- VILA PEREY DISTRICTS.

FRELIMO CASUALTIES: KILLED 85 (37), WOUNDED 66 (9), CAPTURED 10 (19).

REFUGES DESTROYED: 28 (32)

ELEMENTS OF POPULATION TAKEN: CAPTURED 610 (130), SURRENDERED 12,541 (296), LIBERATED 165 (102).

FRELIMO ACTIONS: 511 (182, INCLUDING

MINES PLANTED: 244 (95), INCLUDING 58 (28) EXPLODED, AND 186 (67) DISARMED.

SHOOTINGS AND ATTACKS: 187 (68) OF WHICH 52 (16) AGAINST CIVILIANS AND 135 (52) AGAINST TROOPS..

BOOBY TRAPS: 38 (3), OF WHICH 7 (2) EXPLODED AND 31 (6)

WERE DISARMED.

PORTUGUESE CASUALTIES:

XIWITARH: KILLED 28 (5), WOUNDED 94 (91), MISSING 2 (0).

CIVILIANS: KILLED 34 (6), WOUNDED 90 (30), KIDNAPPED 85 (15), MISSING 5 (0).

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